#### U.S. PRESIDENTS (HISTORIES AND BIOGRAPHIES) (available on digital cartridge)

#### **PRESIDENTS:**

First President George Washington, (1789-1797) – Vice President(s) John Adams, (1789-1797)

Biographies:

DB 72132 Washington: A Life by Ron Chernow (38 hours, 55 minutes)

Award-winning author pens a comprehensive biography of America's first president. Uses previously unavailable letters and papers to delve into the personality behind the icon. Details Washington's private life, including his beliefs about slavery, while chronicling the wars and political conflicts that shaped the country's path. Some violence. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 81095 Washington's Revolution: The Making of America's First Leader by Robert Middlekauff (13 hours, 41 minutes)

Focusing on the first U. S. president's early years, Pulitzer Prize finalist Middlekauff examines George Washington's personal side, including temperament and idiosyncrasies. The author postulates that Washington's early experiences shaped him later into a soldier, businessman, leader, and patriot. 2015.

DB 86708 The Education of George Washington: How a Forgotten Book Shaped the Character of a Hero by Austin Washington (12 hours, 14 minutes)

An examination of A Panegyrick to the Memory of His Grace Frederick, Late Duke of Schonberg, the book that shaped and guided America's first president. The author, a descendant of Washington, reveals the secret he discovered about Washington's past that explains his true model for conduct, honor, and leadership. 2014.

DB 88744 Washington's Farewell: The Founding Father's Warning to Future Generations by John Avlon (11 hours, 23 minutes)

An examination of the end of Washington's second term and the state of the young nation as he prepared to take his leave as leader. Discusses Washington's motivations for stepping down, his hopes for the future of the country, and the ways in which future leaders adopted the tenets of his message. 2017.

Related Books:

DB 21085 George Washington and the American Revolution by Burke Davis (19 hours, 31 minutes)

A dramatic one-volume account that emphasizes the human aspects of Washington and the revolution: the hardships of the Valley Forge winter, the mutiny of the Pennsylvania Line and

other troops, the suspense of the attack at Trenton and at the Delaware Crossing, the despair over desertions, and the Yorktown campaign.

DB 61531 Martha Washington: An American Life by Patricia Brady

Biography of widow Martha "Patsy" Dandridge Custis (1731-1802) who married Virginia planter George Washington in 1759 when both were in their late twenties. The author uses primary sources to explore Martha's influence on her husband, her involvement during the Revolutionary War, and her role in developing the presidency. 2005.

DB 66070 For Liberty and Glory: Washington, Lafayette, and Their Revolutions by James R. Gaines (19 hours, 54 minutes)

Chronicles the intricate friendship between two generals, the American George Washington and the French Marquis de Lafayette. Discusses the complex rebellions in the United States and France that forged an enduring alliance between the countries. Analyzes the generals' collaborations and conflicts and covers Lafayette's tumultuous life in Europe. 2007.

DB 72044 The Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers by Thomas Fleming (20 hours, 39 minutes)

Historian explores the personal lives of founding fathers George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Alexander Hamilton, Thomas Jefferson, and James Madison. Discusses their marriages and the characters of their wives, lovers, and children. Speculates on the first ladies' influence and the erosion of some reputations. 2009.

DB 81513 The Great Divide: The Conflict Between Washington and Jefferson That Defined a Nation by Thomas Fleming (16 hours, 25 minutes)

Fleming discusses the significant conflicts between Washington and Jefferson regarding the presidency, the new nation's foreign policy, and the roles of the merchant, soldier, and farmer in a republic. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

#### Second President John Adams, (1797-1801) - Vice President(s) Thomas Jefferson, (1797-1801)

Biographies:

DB 52275 John Adams by David McCullough (33 hours, 4 minutes)

Award-winning author chronicles the life and times of America's second president, New Englander John Adams (1735-1826). Examines his pivotal role as revolutionary, diplomat, and politician as well as his friendship--and rivalry--with Thomas Jefferson. Primary sources detail his relationship with his wife, Abigail, four children, and notable contemporaries. Pulitzer Prize 2002. Bestseller. 2001.

DB 78941 Passionate Sage: The Character and Legacy of John Adams by Joseph J. Ellis (9 hours, 32 minutes)

Considers the life, ideas, and lasting impact of statesman, diplomat, Founding Father, and second president of the United States, John Adams (1735-1826). 2001.

Related Books:

DB 71999 Abigail Adams by Woody Holton (21 hours, 25 minutes)

Biography of America's second First Lady by the award-winning author of Unruly Americans (DB 66397). Uses first-person accounts and Mrs. Adams's letters to portray her political and business acumen, which enabled her to leave her female descendants funds in her will despite the law of coverture. 2009.

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DB 87091 Abigail Adams: Letters edited by Edith Gelles

A collection of 430 letters, written between 1763 and 1818, by Abigail Smith Adams (1744-1818), wife of the second president of the United States and mother of the sixth. Offers engaged commentary on the Revolution and the emergent American nation as well as everyday life in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. 2016.

# Third President Thomas Jefferson, (1801-1809) – Vice President(s) Aaron Burr, (1801-1805) and George Clinton, (1805-1809)

Biographies:

DB 66246 Twilight at Monticello: The Final Years of Thomas Jefferson by Alan Pell Crawford (11 hours, 32 minutes)

Uses primary sources to chronicle the post presidential years (1809-1826) of Thomas Jefferson. Describes problems he had with a dysfunctional extended family, agricultural mismanagement, soaring debt, and deteriorating health. Highlights Jefferson's establishment of the secular University of Virginia and his correspondence with John Adams. 2008.

DB 75864 Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power by Jon Meacham (26 hours, 6 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of American Lion (DB/RC 68010) pens a biography of the third U.S. president, focusing on Jefferson's use of political power to advance his philosophical ideas of progress and individual freedom. Discusses Jefferson's birthright and family, pre-Revolutionary life, diplomatic roles, and years in the White House. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 85829 Most Blessed of the Patriarchs: Thomas Jefferson and the Empire of the Imagination by Annette Gordon-Reed and Peter S. Onuf (12 hours, 33 minutes)

Gordon-Reed, author of The Hemingses of Monticello (DB 67564), and historian Onuf explore the complex character of Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826). They detail his philosophical growth from early adulthood to old age, ambitions for his home life, the impact of his travels, and his particular enthusiasms. 2016.

#### Related Books:

DB 67564 The Hemingses of Monticello: An American Family by Annette Gordon-Reed (32 hours, 12 minutes)

African American professor chronicles four generations of the mixed-race Hemings family of Virginia in the context of slavery. Begins with Elizabeth (1735-1807), the daughter of a white man and a slave. Discusses Elizabeth's children, including Sally Hemings--Thomas Jefferson's mistress and his late wife's half-sister. National Book Award, Pulitzer. 2008.

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DB 78516 Jefferson and Hamilton: The Rivalry That Forged a Nation by John Ferling (18 hours, 13 minutes)

Analyzes the competing visions for America in the 1790s as manifested in the conflicts between Alexander Hamilton, the young nation's first treasury secretary, and Thomas Jefferson, who would become its third president. Explores the rivalry between the two founding fathers and their different interpretations of the role of government. 2013.

DB 81513 The Great Divide: The Conflict Between Washington and Jefferson That Defined a Nation by Thomas Fleming (16 hours, 25 minutes)

Fleming discusses the significant conflicts between Washington and Jefferson regarding the presidency, the new nation's foreign policy, and the roles of the merchant, soldier, and farmer in a republic. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 90243 Jefferson's Daughters: Three Sisters, White and Black, in a Young America by Catherine Kerrison (17 hours, 5 minutes)

An account of the varied trajectories of the lives of Thomas Jefferson's three daughters--Martha and Maria by his wife and Harriet by black slave Sally Hemings. Discusses the different limits all three faced, Harriet's escape from slavery, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2018.

# Fourth President James Madison, (1809-1817) – Vice President(s) George Clinton, (1809-1812) and Elbridge Gerry, (1813-1814)

Biographies:

DB 79696 James Madison: A Life Reconsidered by Lynne Cheney (18 hours, 39 minutes)

Former Second Lady of the United States examines the life of Madison (1751-1836), founding father and fourth president of the United States. Details his rise in leadership of the nascent country as well as the political landscape after the Revolution. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. Bestseller. 2014.

Related Books:

DB 65857 James Madison and the Struggle for the Bill of Rights by Richard Labunski (13 hours, 4 minutes)

Professor analyzes James Madison's influence on the formation of the U.S. Constitution and its first ten amendments, the Bill of Rights. Provides a detailed account of the debate between Madison and anti-Federalist Patrick Henry over the ratification of the Constitution and describes Madison's hard-won election to Congress. 2006.

DB 67413 A Perfect Union: Dolley Madison and the Creation of the American Nation by Catherine Allgor (17 hours, 51 minutes)

Biography of Dolley Madison (1768-1849), the fourth American first lady, who became known as "America's queen." Highlights Madison's use of social skills to influence politics and advance her husband's career. Discusses her effect on the unstable young democracy in the era surrounding the War of 1812, 2006.

DB 72044 The Intimate Lives of the Founding Fathers by Thomas Fleming (20 hours, 39 minutes)

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Fifth President James Monroe, (1817-1825) – Vice President(s) Daniel D. Tompkins, (1817-1825) [N/A]
Sixth President John Quincy Adams, (1825-1829) – Vice President(s) John C. Calhoun, (1825-1829)

Biographies:

DB 76340 John Quincy Adams by Harlow Giles Unger (9 hours, 45 minutes)

Historian and author of John Hancock (DB 62213) examines the personal and political life of sixth American president John Quincy Adams (1767-1848). Discusses Adams's father--the second

U.S. president--and the younger Adams's career as a diplomat prior to his 1825 election to the highest office. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB 86033 John Quincy Adams: Militant Spirit by James Traub (33 hours, 4 minutes)

Biography of the sixth president of the United States--and son of the second--John Quincy Adams (1767-1848). Discusses his early life as the son of a founding father, forays into political life--including roles as ambassador and secretary of state--presidency, family life, and the impact of his personality on political ambitions. 2016.

#### Related Books:

DB 71724 The Birth of Modern Politics: Andrew Jackson, John Quincy Adams, and the Election of 1828 by Lynn Hudson Parsons (10 hours, 56 minutes)

Historian examines the significance of the presidential election of 1828 and the rise of political parties in the United States. Outlines the differences between the two candidates, John Quincy Adams and Major General Andrew Jackson, and describes the civic culture of the time. 2009.

DB 72404 Mrs. Adams in Winter: A Journey in the Last Days of Napoleon by Michael O'Brien (14 hours, 15 minutes)

Bancroft Prize-winning British historian re-creates the forty-day journey by Louisa Catherine Adams and her seven-year-old son from St. Petersburg, Russia, to Paris during the winter of 1815. Provides an in-depth look at the early life of the future American first lady, wife of John Quincy Adams. 2010.

DB 84224 Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams by Louisa Thomas (15 hours, 44 minutes)

Chronicle of the life of Louisa Catherine Johnson Adams (1775-1852), wife of John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States. Describes her early years growing up in England and France, her marriage to Adams, health challenges, and defining her role as First Lady. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

# Seventh President Andrew Jackson, (1829-1837) – Vice President(s) John C. Calhoun, (1829-1832) and Martin Van Buren, (1833-1837)

#### Biographies:

DB 68010 American Lion: Andrew Jackson in the White House by Jon Meacham (21 hours, 18 minutes)

Newsweek editor and author of Franklin and Winston (RC 57644) describes the expansion of the power of the American president begun in 1829 by Andrew Jackson. Highlights Jackson's belief in the will of the common man and discusses the development of the Democratic Party under his leadership. Pulitzer Prize. Bestseller. 2008.

Related Books:

DB 68467 Waking Giant: America in the Age of Jackson by David S. Reynolds (15 hours, 40 minutes)

Award-winning historian and author of Walt Whitman's America (DB 41371) chronicles the cultural transformation of U.S. society between 1815 and 1848. Describes immigration, religious revivals, economic growth, transportation advances, a literature and art renaissance, and the addition of new states. Highlights the rise of Andrew Jackson and his policies. 2008.

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Eighth President Martin Van Buren, (1837-1841) – Vice President(s) Richard M. Johnson, (1837-1841) [N/A]

Ninth President William Henry Harrison, (1841) – Vice President(s) John Tyler, (1841)

Biographies:

DB 78417 William Henry Harrison by Gail Collins (4 hours, 22 minutes)

Biography of ninth U.S. president William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), a member of the Whig party, who served for only thirty-one days before succumbing to pneumonia. Describes his aristocratic Virginia birth, military career fighting Indians, and governorship of the Indiana Territory. 2012.

Tenth President John Tyler, (1841-1845) – Vice President(s) N/A [N/A]

Eleventh President James K. Polk, (1845-1849) – Vice President(s) George M. Dallas, (1845-1849) [N/A]

Twelfth President Zachary Taylor, (1849-1850) – Vice President(s) Millard Fillmore, (1849-1850) [N/A]

Thirteenth President Millard Fillmore, (1850-1853) – Vice President(s) N/A [N/A]

Fourteenth President Franklin Pierce, (1853-1857) – Vice President(s) William King, (1853) [N/A]

Fifteenth President James Buchanan, (1857-1861) – Vice President(s) John C. Breckinridge, (1857-1861) [N/A]

Sixteenth President Abraham Lincoln, (1861-1865) – Vice President(s) Hannibal Hamlin, (1861-1865) and Andrew Johnson, (1865)

Biographies:

DB 54121 Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years by Carl Sandburg (42 hours, 55 minutes)

Historical biography of Lincoln as a man and as president. An exhaustively researched portrait of the country lawyer whose leadership guided the United States through the Civil War. Sandburg's one-volume distillation of his original six-volume work. 1954.

DB 61162 Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln by Doris Kearns Goodwin (37 hours, 57 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winner illustrates the political acumen of Abraham Lincoln. Highlights the careers of Lincoln's three prime competitors in the Republican party--William Seward, Salmon Chase, and Edward Bates, men more qualified and educated, whom he beat for the 1860 nomination for chief executive. Discusses their subsequent appointments to the cabinet. Bestseller. 2005.

DB 66880 President Lincoln: The Duty of a Statesman by William Lee Miller (21 hours, 24 minutes)

The author of Lincoln's Virtues (RC 57259) continues his examination of the sixteenth president's moral and intellectual life--this time covering Lincoln's term in the White House. Discusses his determination to preserve the union and to avoid armed conflict. Describes the ethical challenge of slavery. 2008.

DB 67863 Tried by War: Abraham Lincoln as Commander in Chief by James M. McPherson (9 hours, 57 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian highlights the role President Abraham Lincoln played as the head of the U.S. military during the Civil War. Stresses Lincoln's study and application of war strategies and his development of a political and national policy that focused on preserving the union. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 69003 A. Lincoln: A Biography by Ronald C. White (30 hours, 31 minutes)

Chronological narrative of President Abraham Lincoln's life describing the influence of his stepmother Sarah, his political rise in Illinois, and his election campaigns. White, a fellow at the Huntington Library, uses primary sources to offer insight into Lincoln's moral and intellectual thinking. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 72893 With Malice Toward None: A Life of Abraham Lincoln by Stephen B. Oates (19 hours, 19 minutes)

Award-winning historian uses primary and secondary sources to illuminate the personal and professional life of Abraham Lincoln. Depicts Lincoln's struggle to succeed in the legal and

business fields, his disappointing early political career, and his wartime presidency. Discusses his depression and later estrangement from his wife. Some strong language. 1977.

DB 73190 The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery by Eric Foner (15 hours, 9 minutes)

Chronicles the evolution of Lincoln's ideas about slavery, from his early career in Illinois and membership in the new Republican Party in the 1850s to his presidency during the Civil War. Discusses the impact that religion, the abolitionist movement, and political necessities had on his beliefs. Pulitzer Prize. 2010.

DB 76078 Rise of Greatness: Abraham Lincoln and America's Most Perilous Year by David Von Drehle (17 hours, 3 minutes)

The author of Triangle (DB 57638) posits that 1862 was a pivotal year for the United States and for President Abraham Lincoln. Presents a month-by-month account of the political and military battles that threatened the country and discusses personal events--including the death of Lincoln's son. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB 79440 Abraham Lincoln, Volume 1: A Life by Michael Burlingame (55 hours, 15 minutes)

Details the life of sixteenth president of the United States Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865). This first volume covers Lincoln's early childhood as a farm boy in Indiana and Illinois, his troubled relationship with his father, his legal training and political ambitions, and his great personal transformation. 2008.

DB 79551 Abraham Lincoln, Volume 2: A Life by Michael Burlingame (59 hours, 6 minutes)

Details the life of sixteenth president of the United States Abraham Lincoln (1809-1865). This second volume covers Lincoln's presidency and the trials of the Civil War. Details the crisis at Fort Sumter and the relentless office seekers who plagued Lincoln. Also examines his private life and final days. 2008.

DB 81161 Lincoln's Greatest Case: The River, the Bridge, and the Making of America by Brian McGinty (10 hours, 19 minutes)

Before his tenure as president, Lincoln spent nearly a quarter century as a lawyer. McGinty details what became the most consequential trial in Lincoln's career, the case of the steamboat Effie Afton, which affected the future of transportation in America and cemented Lincoln's reputation. 2015.

DB 86399 Lincoln: A Very Short Introduction by Allen C. Guelzo (5 hours, 16 minutes)

Award-winning scholar explores the historical and cultural forces that shaped the nation's sixteenth president. Recaps Lincoln's decision to become a lawyer after failing as a shopkeeper

and his unremarkable early political career. Analyzes the evolution of his opposition to slavery, his leadership during the Civil War, and his legacy. 2009.

#### Related Books:

DB 66976 The Assassin's Accomplice: Mary Surratt and the Plot to Kill Abraham Lincoln by Kate Clifford Larson (8 hours, 25 minutes)

Author of Bound for the Promised Land (RC 64511) investigates the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Focuses on the involvement of boarding-house owner Mary Surratt. Reexamines primary documents to assert that Mary and her son John, both Confederate sympathizers, participated in John Wilkes Booth's plot. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

DB 70395 Mrs. Lincoln and Mrs. Keckly: The Remarkable Story of the Friendship Between a First Lady and a Former Slave by Jennifer Fleischner (15 hours, 42 minutes)

Dual biography of First Lady Mary Lincoln and her Washington, D.C., seamstress Elizabeth Keckly, a former slave who bought her own freedom and started a business. Speculates on the women's friendship during the period Mrs. Lincoln suffered through the deaths of her son and husband and experienced financial difficulties. 2003.

DB 72108 Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis and the Death Pageant for Lincoln's Corpse by James L. Swanson (15 hours, 30 minutes)

Author of Manhunt: The Twelve-Day Chase for Lincoln's Killer (DB 62040) depicts the 1865 flight and capture of Confederate president Jefferson Davis and the journey of the funeral train that bore the body of Abraham Lincoln to Illinois. Also traces Davis's career after his imprisonment. 2010.

DB 73850 Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America Forever by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (9 hours, 46 minutes)

Political commentator O'Reilly and historian Dugard recount the last weeks of the Civil War in the spring of 1865. The authors follow actor John Wilkes Booth and his coconspirators as they plotted revenge for the South and assassinated President Abraham Lincoln on April 14. Bestseller, 2011.

Seventeenth President Andrew Johnson, (1865-1869) – Vice President(s) N/A [N/A]

Eighteenth President Ulysses S. Grant, (1869-1877) – Vice President(s) Schuyler Colfax, (1869-1873) and Henry Wilson, (1873-1875)

Related Books:

DB 75777 Born to Battle: Grant and Forrest; Shiloh, Vicksburg, and Chattanooga, the Campaigns That Doomed the Confederacy by Jack Hurst (15 hours, 25 minutes)

Dual biography of Union general Ulysses S. Grant and Confederate general Nathan Bedford Forrest details their similar backgrounds and suggests that differences in the way their contemporaries viewed social class affected their careers. Chronicles their battles in the West from 1862 to 1864 and their postwar fates. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB 89541 Grant by Ron Chernow (48 hours, 5 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Washington (DB 72132) and Alexander Hamilton (DB 58364) provides a detailed portrait of Civil War general and eventual president Ulysses S. Grant. Discusses Grant's life prior to the Civil War, his business troubles, his remarkable role in the war, his later political career, and more. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

Nineteenth President Rutherford B. Hayes, (1877-1881) – Vice President(s) William Wheeler, (1877-1881) [N/A]

Twentieth President James A. Garfield, (1881) – Vice President(s) Chester Arthur, (1881) [N/A]

Twenty-first President Chester Arthur, (1881-1885) – Vice President(s) N/A [N/A]

Twenty-second President Grover Cleveland, (1885-1889) – Vice President(s) Thomas Hendricks, (1885) [N/A]

Twenty-third President Benjamin Harrison, (1889-1893) – Vice President(s) Levi P. Morton, (1889-1893) [N/A]

Twenty-fourth President Grover Cleveland, (1893-1897) – Vice President(s) Adlai E. Stevenson (1893-1897) [N/A]

Twenty-fifth President William McKinley, (1897-1901) – Vice President(s) Garret Hobart, (1897-1899) and Theodore Roosevelt, (1901) [N/A]

Twenty-sixth President Theodore Roosevelt (1901-1909) – Vice President(s) Charles Fairbanks, (1905-1909)

Biographies:

DB 14168 The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt: Theodore Roosevelt, Vol. 3 by Edmund Morris (28 hours, 29 minutes)

A detailed look at the colorful personality and life of the man who was a leader in the New York State Assembly at the age of 23, second-in-command of the Rough Riders, and President of the United States. Traces events from his birth in 1858 until his assumption of the Presidency in 1901.

DB 16977 Mornings on Horseback by David McCullough (15 hours, 6 minutes)

Biography of the young Teddy Roosevelt-his childhood, education, early political career, the personal tragedy of losing his young wife, and life at the Dakota ranch to which he retreated after his candidate lost the Republican presidential nomination in 1882. Using private Roosevelt family papers McCullough illustrates the closeness of their family life. Bestseller.

DB 53306 Theodore Rex: Theodore Roosevelt, Vol. 2 by Edmund Morris (27 hours, 45 minutes)

The sequel to The Rise of Theodore Roosevelt (DB 14168) concentrates on TR's two terms of office as president following the assassination of William McKinley in 1901. Discusses Roosevelt's major achievements, including a Nobel Peace Prize, the Panama Canal Treaty, and enduring antitrust and conservation legislation. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2001.

DB 72124 Colonel Roosevelt: Theodore Roosevelt, Vol. 1 by Edmund Morris (33 hours, 42 minutes)

This sequel to Theodore Rex (DB 53306) details Republican Theodore Roosevelt's last decade of life after his presidential term ended in 1909. Describes Roosevelt's year of worldwide travel, feuds with successors William Taft and Woodrow Wilson, and declining health. Bestseller. 2010.

#### Related Books:

DB 85356 The Golden Lad: The Haunting Story of Quentin and Theodore Roosevelt by Eric Burns (7 hours, 23 minutes)

An examination of the life of President Theodore Roosevelt's youngest son, the frail Quentin, and his relationship with his father. Particularly discusses how, after Roosevelt's championing America's entry into WWI, Quentin ultimately died in aerial combat. 2016

DB 87533 The Wars of the Roosevelts: The Ruthless Rise of America's Greatest Political Family (20 hours, 35 minutes)

A biographical history of the Roosevelt family that argues that its members' rise to power and prestige was driven by a series of intense personal rivalries and internal warring. In addition to the more well-known members of the family, the stories of the younger generations are also included. 2016.

# Twenty-seventh President William Howard Taft, (1909-1913) – Vice President(s) James S. Sherman, (1909-1912)

#### Related Books:

DB 70272 The Imperial Cruise: A Secret History of Empire and War by James Bradley (9 hours, 52 minutes)

Chronicle of 1905 diplomatic trip to Asia led by the then secretary of war William Howard Taft for President Theodore Roosevelt. Asserts that Taft's secret agenda--to broker a pact allowing

Japan to expand into Korea--was unconstitutional and set the stage for war. Some violence and some strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

# Twenty-eighth President Woodrow Wilson, (1913-1921) – Vice President(s) Thomas R. Marshall, (1913-1921)

Biographies:

DB 77640 Wilson by A. Scott Berg (33 hours, 10 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning author of Lindbergh (DB 46913) chronicles the life of the twenty-eighth American president, Woodrow Wilson (1856-1924). Covers Wilson's southern, Civil War-era childhood; career in academia; New Jersey governorship; 1912 presidential election; decision to take the United States into World War I; and debilitating illness. Bestseller. 2013.

# Twenty-ninth President Warren G. Harding, (1921-1923) – Vice President(s) Calvin Coolidge, (1921-1923)

Related Books:

DB 46805 Florence Harding: The First Lady, the Jazz Age, and the Death of America's Most Scandalous President by Carl Sferrazza Anthony (28 hours, 2 minutes)

In this biography Florence Harding is portrayed as an immensely popular first lady. During the 1920s she championed women's rights, helped establish the Veterans Bureau, welcomed African American women to the White House, and was her husband's political partner. She also endured his adulterous affairs and numerous scandals.

#### Thirtieth President Calvin Coolidge, (1923-1929) – Vice President(s) Charles Dawes, (1925-1929)

Biographies:

DB 76304 Coolidge by Amity Shlaes (21 hours, 51 minutes)

Author of The Forgotten Man (DB 66807) chronicles the life of Republican president Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) from his New England roots to the assumption of the presidency after the death of President Warren Harding in 1923. Highlights Coolidge's economic policies and his support of new technology. Bestseller. 2013.

Related Books:

DB 78201 Grace Coolidge: The People's Lady in Silent Cal's White House by Robert H. Ferrell (7 hours, 47 minutes)

The author of The Presidency of Calvin Coolidge (DB 49654) pens a biography of the president's wife Grace (1879-1957). Discusses her Vermont childhood, teaching career at the Clarke School for the Deaf, religious beliefs, marriage, and role as First Lady during the 1920s. 2008.

#### Thirty-first President Herbert Hoover, (1929-1933) – Vice President(s) Charles Curtis, (1929-1933)

Biographies:

DB 86243 Herbert Hoover: A Life by Glen Jeansonne (16 hours, 30 minutes)

Historian describes the life of the controversial president, dismissing some previous assumptions about him. Jeansonne presents Hoover as a political progressive in the mold of Theodore Roosevelt, and the most resourceful American since Benjamin Franklin. Covers Hoover's childhood, early career as an engineer, and political achievements. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

Thirty-second President Franklin D. Roosevelt, (1933-1945) – Vice President(s) John Nance Garner, (1933-1941), Henry A. Wallace, (1941-1945), and Harry S Truman, (1945)

Biographies:

DB 17703 FDR, 1882-1945: A Centenary Remembrance by Joseph Alsop

A pungent blend of memoir-essay that marks the centenary of FDR's birth on January 30, 1882. Alsop, an esteemed political journalist and writer, is a Roosevelt relative and was a family intimate during FDR's White House years. Includes numerous anecdotes on personal experiences with FDR and other family members and relates both the man and his times with vivid candor.

DB 39154 No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, the Home Front in World War II by Doris Kearns Goodwin (40 hours, 18 minutes)

A portrait of the president and the first lady during World War II. Based on her examination of their papers, and interviews with their friends and family, Goodwin analyzes the Roosevelts' adversities, achievements, and leadership from interrelated political, social, intellectual, and personal perspectives.

DB 63751 FDR by Jean Edward Smith (32 hours, 45 minutes)

Author of John Marshall (RC 44531) draws on archives to pen a biography of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the thirty-second president of the United States. Chronicles his political career as governor of New York and four terms as commander in chief. Explores his complex personal life involving his family and mistresses. Commercial audiobook. 2007.

DB 68895 The Presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt by George McJimsey (15 hours, 22 minutes)

Professor analyzes the four-term presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR). Focuses on both domestic issues, including economic and social recovery from the Great Depression era,

and international affairs, in which FDR stood against colonialism, fascism, and communism. Accentuates the transformation of the American presidency and FDR's pluralist leanings. 2000.

DB 73667 Franklin and Eleanor: An Extraordinary Marriage by Hazel Rowley (14 hours, 44 minutes)

Portrays the marriage of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt as a radical partnership that helped both husband and wife achieve their ambitions and political goals. Discusses their extended family of close companions and lovers as well as Franklin's polio and Eleanor's social work. Some strong language. 2010.

DB 90466 The Last 100 Days: FDR at War and at Peace by David B. Woolner (12 hours, 43 minutes)

Historian examines the final days of FDR's life and presidency. Discusses Roosevelt's efforts to establish the United Nations, the reinvigoration of the New Deal, the president's quiet moments with close companions, and the months leading to his death in 1945. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

#### Related Books:

DB 64865 The Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt by Eleanor Roosevelt (20 hours, 35 minutes)

Self-portrait of Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962), wife of U.S. president Franklin Delano Roosevelt and a champion of human rights. Recalls her childhood years, her involvement in politics, her role as first lady, and her international focus after FDR's death in 1945. Includes personal observations about her husband and children. 1961.

DB 68945 The Defining Moment: FDR's Hundred Days and the Triumph of Hope by Jonathan Alter (14 hours, 50 minutes)

Concentrates on the beginning of Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidency in 1933 (the "Hundred Days"), when federal legislation was implemented to provide immediate relief from the effects of the Great Depression. Details the programs that were launched, including Social Security, and the failure to implement others, including universal healthcare. 2006.

DB 85166 Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America by Douglas Brinkley (25 hours, 27 minutes)

Author of Cronkite (DB 75163) and The Wilderness Warrior (DB 69762) explores the environmental works and heritage of President Franklin D. Roosevelt (1882-1945). Discusses Roosevelt's personal connections with nature and the work done by the Civilian Conservation Corps, which was created as part of the New Deal. 2016.

DB 86282 Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume 1: The Early Years, 1884-1933 by Blanche Wiesen Cook (22 hours, 10 minutes)

The first volume in a comprehensive biography of the longest-serving First Lady of the United States, who worked as a politician, diplomat, and activist. This volume discusses her birth into American aristocracy, her early private life, and her public fight against discrimination. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 1992.

DB 86283 Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume 2: The Defining Years, 1933-1938 by Blanche Wiesen Cook (28 hours, 58 minutes)

The second volume in a comprehensive biography of the longest-serving First Lady of the United States, who worked as a politician, diplomat, and activist. This volume covers the tumultuous era of the Great Depression, the New Deal, and the years leading up to World War II. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 1992.

DB 86605 Eleanor Roosevelt, Volume 3: The War Years and After, 1939-1962 by Blanche Wiesen Cook (26 hours, 27 minutes)

The third volume in a comprehensive biography of the longest-serving First Lady of the United States, who worked as a politician, diplomat, and activist. This volume covers World War II, FDR's death, the founding of the UN, and Eleanor's death in 1962. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2016.

DB 87533 The Wars of the Roosevelts: The Ruthless Rise of America's Greatest Political Family (20 hours, 35 minutes)

A biographical history of the Roosevelt family that argues that its members' rise to power and prestige was driven by a series of intense personal rivalries and internal warring. In addition to the more well-known members of the family, the stories of the younger generations are also included. 2016.

#### Thirty-third President Harry S Truman (1945-1953) – Vice President(s) Alben Barkley, (1949-1953)

#### Biographies:

DB 30021 Memoirs of Harry S. Truman, Vol. 2: Years of Trial and Hope by Harry S. Truman (24 hours, 11 minutes)

Truman wrote of his time in the White House shortly after leaving office. In the final volume of a two-volume work, he covers the years I946-I952 including such topics as the Berlin airlift and the Chinese revolution; and such personalities as Marshall, MacArthur, Chiang Kai-Shek, and Dewey.

DB 34820 Truman by David McCullough (45 hours, 17 minutes)

A monumental study of the life and times of the plainspoken, plain-looking, "ordinary" man from Missouri who became an extraordinary president. McCullough details Truman's accomplishments as a politician and a statesman, as well as his failings and his lack of

sophistication. And the author recreates the famous 1948 presidential election, which he calls Truman's finest hour.

DB 69543 Harry Truman's Excellent Adventure: The True Story of a Great American Road Trip by Matthew Algeo (8 hours, 22 minutes)

Author retraces the 1953 2,500-mile cross-country road trip of Harry and Bess Truman. Describes the Trumans' post-presidential life in Missouri, when they lived on Harry's army pension, and provides first-person accounts of the original journey. 2009.

# Thirty-fourth President Dwight D. Eisenhower (1953-1961) – Vice President(s) Richard Nixon, (1953-1961)

#### Biographies:

DB 21174 Eisenhower, Vol. 1: Soldier, General of the Army, President Elect, 1890-1952 by Stephen E. Ambrose (27 hours, 4 minutes)

The first volume of a definitive biography of the only twentieth-century leader to achieve his country's highest military and civilian ranks. The author, an editor of the Eisenhower papers, summarizes Ike's boyhood in Abilene and his pre-World War II military assignments. This account focuses primarily on his roles as chief of staff, supreme commander, university president, and Republican candidate for president.

DB 22304 Eisenhower, Vol. 2: President by Stephen E. Ambrose (30 hours, 39 minutes)

A balanced human portrait that covers Eisenhower's two terms as president, his retirement, and his death in 1969. Although he did not disavow Senator McCarthy and was negative on civil rights, Eisenhower was in full control of the presidency during eight years of peace and prosperity. This second and concluding volume follows "Eisenhower: Volume One, Soldier, General of the Army, President-Elect, 1890-1952" (DB 21174).

DB 32332 Eisenhower: A Centennial Life by Michael R. Beschloss (6 hours, 20 minutes)

Published on the one hundredth anniversary of his birth, this account of Eisenhower by historian Beschloss offers an overview of the life of the thirty-fourth president of the United States. Begins with Eisenhower's early years in Abilene, Kansas, and continues with his years at West Point, marriage to Mamie Doud, military service (especially his role as Supreme Allied Commander), his presidency, and retirement.

DB 73880 Going Home to Glory: A Memoir of Life with Dwight D. Eisenhower by David Eisenhower and Nancy Nixon Eisenhower (12 hours, 7 minutes)

Eisenhower's grandson David describes his grandfather's retirement on the cattle farm "Ike" owned in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. Discusses the thirty-fourth president's opinions on the

Vietnam War and his relationships with John F. Kennedy, Lyndon B. Johnson, and Richard Nixon. Sequel to Eisenhower at War (DB 24966). 2010.

DB 74849 Eisenhower: In War and Peace by Jean Edward Smith (30 hours, 8 minutes)

Prize-winning author posits that Dwight Eisenhower (1890-1969) was the second-most successful twentieth-century U.S. president, surpassed only by Franklin Roosevelt. Chronicles Eisenhower's family life, pre-World War II army career, and rise to Allied supreme commander. Highlights the achievements of his presidency, including civil rights legislation, peace, and prosperity. 2012.

#### Thirty-fifth President John F. Kennedy, (1961-1963) - Vice President(s) Lyndon B. Johnson, (1961-1963)

Biographies:

DB 42809 Jack and Jackie: Portrait of an American Marriage by Christopher Andersen (14 hours, 2 minutes)

Andersen examines the relationship between John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Jacqueline Lee Bouvier, revealing details about their courtship, Jackie's difficult pregnancies, John's rumored liaisons with numerous celebrities, and the impact of children on their marriage. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

DB 73954 Jack Kennedy: Elusive Hero by Chris Matthews (14 hours, 4 minutes)

Author of Kennedy and Nixon: The Rivalry that Shaped Postwar America (DB 44548) draws on interviews, oral histories, and correspondence to explore personal and professional details of John F. Kennedy's life. Discusses Kennedy's persistent ill health, foray into politics at age twenty-eight, and the notion of Camelot. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 78369 The Kennedy Half-Century: The Presidency, Assassination, and Lasting Legacy of John F. Kennedy by Larry J. Sabato (29 hours, 53 minutes)

Political scientist Sabato offers an evaluation of John F. Kennedy's political legacy fifty years after the president's 1963 assassination. Addresses his early career, religion, successes and failures, death, and influence on policies and politics. 2013.

Related Books:

DB 25959 The Fitzgeralds and the Kennedys by Doris Kearns Goodwin

This detailed account begins with the baptism of John Francis Fitzgerald (Rose Kennedy's father) in 1863 and ends with John Kennedy's inauguration in 1961. The story sweeps from the immigrant ghetto of Boston's North End to JFK's "Camelot" and takes in just about everything along the way: the rowdy politics; Wall Street speculation in the 1920s; Joe Kennedy's affair with

Gloria Swanson; the New Deal; and the campaigns that catapulted an entire family to international status. Some strong language. Bestseller 1987.

DB 51344 America's Queen: The Life of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis by Sarah Bradford (27 hours, 24 minutes)

British author of Princess Grace (RC 21082) and Elizabeth (DB 51345) describes the life of the former first lady. Assesses her relationships with the various men in her life, her role in the White House, her chronic obsession with money, and her later days in New York. Bestseller. 2000.

DB 66429 Brothers: The Hidden History of the Kennedy Years by David Talbot (18 hours, 33 minutes)

Founder of salon.com interviews more than 150 people concerning President John F. Kennedy's 1963 assassination. Focuses on Bobby Kennedy's suspicion of an alliance among Cuban exiles, the Mafia, and the CIA and covers Bobby's quest for justice before he was also gunned down. Strong language. 2007.

DB 67171 The Last Campaign: Robert F. Kennedy and 82 Days That Inspired America by Thurston Clarke (12 hours, 8 minutes)

Chronicles the final weeks of Robert Kennedy's campaign for the U.S. presidency that ceased with his June 5, 1968, assassination in Los Angeles. Describes the political agenda of Kennedy, a U.S. senator from New York: to stop the Vietnam War, ensure civil rights, and end poverty. Some strong language. 2008.

DB 68878 Last Lion: The Fall and Rise of Ted Kennedy edited by Peter S. Canellos (16 hours, 3 minutes)

Boston Globe reporters examine the life and career of U.S. senator from Massachusetts Ted Kennedy, scion of a political dynasty. Details Kennedy-family tragedies; his liberal-Democratic ideals; and his personal affairs, including two marriages, a 1969 car accident that halted his presidential ambitions, and 2008 treatment for a brain tumor. 2009.

DB 69538 True Compass: A Memoir by Edward M. Kennedy (17 hours, 40 minutes)

Autobiography of the Democratic senator from Massachusetts, Ted Kennedy (1932-2009). Reminisces about his family, childhood, education, marriages, and five decades in politics. Discusses the assassinations of his brothers John and Bobby, the 1969 car accident at Chappaquiddick, and his battle with terminal brain cancer. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 69565 Bobby and Jackie: A Love Story by C. David Heymann (8 hours, 53 minutes)

Explores the relationship between Jackie Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy following the death of President John Kennedy in 1963. Asserts that their friendship turned into an affair that

continued until Bobby's 1968 presidential campaign--despite the fact that he was married and both of them had other lovers. Strong language. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 72229 The Kennedy Detail: JFK's Secret Service Agents Break Their Silence by Gerald Blaine and Lisa McCubbin (15 hours, 15 minutes)

Former Secret Service agent recounts events surrounding the assassination of President Kennedy in Dallas on November 22, 1963. Draws on his own experience and cites notes, interviews, and archived records from others assigned to protect Kennedy to describe the killing and the subsequent emotional trauma. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 72400 The Road to Dallas: The Assassination of John F. Kennedy by David Kaiser (19 hours, 20 minutes)

Naval War College historian uses government files opened in the 1990s to examine John F. Kennedy's 1963 assassination. Posits that Lee Harvey Oswald was the lone gunman but the plot was orchestrated by organized crime in retaliation against Bobby Kennedy's anti-Mafia campaign and U.S. policies on Cuba. Strong language. 2008.

DB 72619 Letters to Jackie: Condolences from a Grieving Nation edited by Ellen Fitzpatrick (13 hours, 1 minute)

Some two hundred and fifty letters to Jacqueline Kennedy from ordinary Americans of every age group, race, and religion reflect the country's grief after the 1963 assassination of President John F. Kennedy. Culled from more than a million condolences archived in the JFK library in Boston. 2010.

DB 74038 Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy by Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (12 hours, 50 minutes)

Oral history project by former First Lady offers firsthand accounts of and personal insight into the private and public life of her late husband, John F. Kennedy. Includes the original recordings of the 1964 interviews conducted by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. Foreword by Caroline Kennedy. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 74411 Once Upon a Secret: My Affair with President John F. Kennedy and Its Aftermath by Mimi Alford (6 hours, 15 minutes)

Author relates the seventeen-month sexual relationship she had at the age of nineteen with President John F. Kennedy. Describes accepting an unsolicited White House summer internship in 1962 as an inexperienced adolescent and becoming the object of the president's physical desires shortly afterward. Some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 74673 Mrs. Kennedy and Me by Clint Hill and Lisa McCubbin (12 hours, 21 minutes)

Retired Secret Service agent Clint Hill--who protected five U.S. presidents--recalls his service to First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy from 1960-1964, including the 1963 assassination of President Kennedy. Describes Mrs. Kennedy's routines and travels and reveals that she was rarely at the White House. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 75615 Killing Kennedy: The End of Camelot by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard (12 hours, 7 minutes)

Political commentator O'Reilly and historian Dugard, coauthors of Killing Lincoln (DB 73850), chronicle the presidency of John F. Kennedy; the life of Lee Harvey Oswald, the former defector to the Soviet Union who killed Kennedy in 1963; and the events that led to the assassination. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 75899 The Patriarch: The Remarkable Life and Turbulent Times of Joseph P. Kennedy by David Nasaw (30 hours, 43 minutes)

Authorized biography of Joseph P. Kennedy (1888-1969), father of President John F. Kennedy, by the author of Andrew Carnegie (DB 65058). Describes Kennedy's background as the son of a wealthy Boston businessman and his life as a banker, Hollywood producer, ambassador, political power broker, and loving father. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 77751 After Camelot: A Personal History of the Kennedy Family 1968 to the Present by J. Randy Taraborrelli (22 hours, 1 minute)

Taraborrelli provides a behind-the-scenes look at the Kennedy family in the years after President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Describes the challenges Bobby's children faced, the Shrivers' philanthropic work, Jackie's emotional turmoil, the sudden death of John F. Kennedy Jr., and the influence of Teddy. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2013.

DB 86952 The Nine of Us: Growing Up Kennedy by Jean Kennedy Smith (5 house, 3 minutes)

Jean Kennedy Smith, daughter of Joe and Rose Kennedy, describes her childhood. Includes discussions of daily family rituals, sibling relationships, and the values that her parents worked to instill in all of the children. 2016.

DB 89056 Jackie's Girl: My Life with the Kennedy Family by Kathy McKeon (8 hours, 17 minutes)

A coming-of-age memoir from the woman who spent over a decade as Jackie Kennedy's personal assistant and occasional nanny, first hired in 1964. Discusses her close relationships with the former first lady and the Kennedy children, and provides a look at the private life of a prominent family. 2017.

DB 90311 Bobby Kennedy: A Raging Spirit by Chris Matthews (10 hours, 28 minutes)

Journalist and political commentator provides a celebration of the life and work of Robert Francis Kennedy. Discusses his time in the Navy, his role as attorney general in his brother's administration, his 1968 presidential campaign, and more. 2017.

# Thirty-sixth President Lyndon B. Johnson, (1963-1969) – Vice President(s) Hubert Humphrey, (1965-1969)

Biographies:

DB 18676 The Path to Power: The Years of Lyndon B. Johnson, Volume 1 by Robert A. Caro (38 hours, 7 minutes)

The first part of a three-part political biography of Lyndon Johnson. Recreates the early life of the thirty-sixth President, assembling innumerable anecdotes of his childhood, college years, and early political career to reveal the ruthlessness and complexity of his forceful personality. The author immersed himself for seven years in Johnson's life in order to portray his Texas, his Washington, and his America. Bestseller. 1982.

DB 30837 Means of Ascent: The Years of Lyndon B. Johnson, Volume 2 by Robert A. Caro (22 hours, 54 minutes)

The second installment in Caro's biography of Lyndon Johnson focuses on his brief military service, his acquisition of wealth through his Austin radio station (KTBC), and the 1948 election, won by only eighty-seven votes, which sent Johnson to the U.S. Senate and changed history. Sequel to The Path to Power: The Years of Lyndon Johnson, Volume 1 (DB 18676). Bestseller. 1990.

DB 74635 The Passage to Power: The Years of Lyndon B. Johnson, Volume 4 by Robert A. Caro (32 hours, 50 minutes)

Fourth volume in Caro's biography of the thirty-sixth president, following Master of the Senate (DB 54174), covers the years 1958-1964. Depicts Johnson's failed 1960 presidential campaign, frustrations as vice president, ascent to power after JFK's assassination, and push for groundbreaking civil rights and social legislation. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

DB 78265 Indomitable Will: LBJ in the Presidency by Mark K. Updegrove (15 hours, 6 minutes)

Director of the Lyndon Baines Johnson presidential library examines the successes and failures of LBJ's five years in office. Uses interviews and reminiscences of staff members, legislators, journalists, Washington insiders, and family members to detail the force of Johnson's personality and his skill in influencing the legislative process. 2012.

Thirty-seventh President Richard Nixon, (1969-1974) – Vice President(s) Spiro Agnew, (1969-1973) and Gerald Ford, (1973-1974)

Biographies:

DB 79297 The Greatest Comeback: How Richard Nixon Rose from Defeat to Create the New Majority by Patrick J. Buchanan (12 hours, 54 minutes)

Politician and aide to Richard Nixon (1913-1994) chronicles the years between Nixon's defeats in the 1960 presidential and 1962 California gubernatorial elections and his election as president in 1968. Discusses how he united Republican factions for support. Unrated. Commercial audiobook, 2014.

DB 81931 Being Nixon: A Man Divided by Evan Thomas (20 hours, 31 minutes)

Drawing on historical accounts, Thomas recounts the life and work of America's thirty-seventh president, including his background growing up in a Quaker household. He discusses Nixon's successes, his political achievements, and his darker schemes, which earned him the notorious nickname "Tricky Dick." Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

DB 87710 Richard Nixon: The Life by John A. Farrell (28 hours, 56 minutes)

A biography of the controversial president. The author begins with young Navy lieutenant "Nick" Nixon's 1946 congressional campaign and follows his upward trajectory and ultimate downfall and resignation from the presidency. Addresses both the positive and negative aspects of his career. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

Related Books: [80083]

DB 68946 The Conviction of Richard Nixon: The Untold Story of the Frost/Nixon Interviews by James Reston, Jr. (4 hours, 39 minutes)

Historian describes serving as adviser to British journalist David Frost for the 1977 televised interviews with former president Richard Nixon. Discusses using House Impeachment Committee evidence in Frost's interrogation guide for the Watergate portion of the broadcast, watched by forty-five million Americans. 2007.

DB 80083 Nixonland: The Rise of a President and the Fracturing of America by Rick Perlstein (38 hours, 39 minutes)

Author of Before the Storm (DB 53983) traces the resurgence of the Republican party against the backdrop of shifting American mores, from 1965 to 1972. Discusses the political rehabilitation of Richard Nixon, and examines the radical impacts of the Vietnam War and social revolution. 2008.

Thirty-eighth President Gerald Ford, (1974-1977) – Vice President(s) Nelson Rockefeller, (1974-1977)

Biographies:

DB 66303 Write It When I'm Gone: Remarkable Off-the-Record Conversations with Gerald R. Ford by Thomas M. DeFrank (9 hours)

Former White House reporter DeFrank presents "an anecdotal memoir" of U.S. president Gerald Ford's life in politics, which Ford asked to remain unpublished until after his death. Using interviews from 1991 to 2006, DeFrank highlights Ford's character and his candid assessments of contemporaries, including Richard Nixon and Jimmy Carter. 2007.

#### Thirty-ninth President Jimmy Carter, (1977-1981) – Vice President(s) Walter Mondale, (1977-1981)

Biographies:

DB 42877 Living Faith by Jimmy Carter (6 hours, 47 minutes)

The former president testifies on the influence of religious faith in his life. He recounts formative events of his past, including achievements and setbacks, and discusses how his Christian belief sustained and inspired him.

DB 51566 An Hour Before Daylight: Memories of a Rural Boyhood by Jimmy Carter (9 hours, 4 minutes)

The thirty-ninth president of the United States reminisces about growing up in rural Georgia during the depression. Traces his family genealogy; examines social mores of the segregated South. Describes his experience of daily life in a small, close-knit farming community until his appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. Bestseller. 2001.

DB 72793 White House Diary by Jimmy Carter (24 hours, 21 minutes)

Annotated diary of the thirty-ninth American president offers insight into current events from 1977-1981. Carter shares his personal opinions of each day's activities and assesses senators and representatives, cabinet members, and foreign leaders. Includes information about the Camp David peace accords and the Iranian hostage crisis. 2010.

DB 83306 A Full Life: Reflections at Ninety by Jimmy Carter (9 hours, 11 minutes)

Nobel Peace Prize winner and thirty-ninth President of the United States Jimmy Carter reflects on his life, both private and public. He discusses his youth in rural Georgia, his family, his military service, his decision to enter politics, and more. Carter reveals what he is proud of as well as his regrets. 2015.

Related Books:

DB 66727 A Remarkable Mother by Jimmy Carter (4 hours, 28 minutes)

Former U.S. president Jimmy Carter pays homage to his mother, Bessie Lillian Gordy Carter (1898-1983). Describes "Miss Lilly's" childhood in rural Georgia, training as a nurse during World War I, marriage, and 1968-1969 trip to India as a Peace Corps volunteer. Highlights her humanitarian ethic at home and abroad. 2008.

#### Fortieth President Ronald Reagan, (1981-1989) - Vice President(s) George Bush, (1981-1989)

Biographies:

DB 64804 The Reagan Diaries by Ronald Reagan (36 hours, 21 minutes)

Historian Douglas Brinkley, author of The Boys of Pointe du Hoc (DB 61223), edits journals kept by fortieth president Ronald Reagan during his two terms in office, from 1981-1989. Daily chronicles include Reagan's thoughts on his family, political issues, religion, and "his empathy for citizens with physical disabilities." Bestseller. 2007.

DB 72920 My Father at 100 by Ron Reagan (8 hours, 25 minutes)

Ronald Reagan's youngest child seeks to provide a deeper understanding of the fortieth president, who would have turned one hundred on February 6, 2011. Shares experiences from his father's past and his own family memories. Posits that memory lapses his father experienced while in office foreshadowed his Alzheimer's diagnosis. 2011.

DB 81806 Reagan: The Life by H.W. Brands (31 hours, 43 minutes)

Historian H.W. Brands works to establish Ronald Reagan as one of two great presidents of the twentieth century (alongside Franklin Roosevelt). Reagan's early career as an entertainer is recounted, before he jumped into politics as California governor and rose to become president of the United States. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

Related Books:

DB 30623 My Turn: The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan by Nancy Reagan and William Novak (13 hours, 58 minutes)

Feeling that she needs to set the record straight for historical purposes, Nancy Reagan tells her side of the story regarding the eight years she spent in the White House. Although she never stopped being hurt by the stories about her, she eventually stopped being surprised. Among the topics she discusses are her adjustment to being a first lady, and her use of astrology. Bestseller.

DB 73178 Rawhide Down: The Near Assassination of Ronald Reagan by Del Quentin Wilber (10 hours, 48 minutes)

Chronicles the March 30, 1981, assassination attempt on seventy-year-old president Ronald Reagan by mentally ill gunman John Hinckley Jr. Discusses the heroism of Secret Service Agent Jerry Parr and the wounding of D.C. police officer Thomas Delahanty, press secretary James Brady, and Secret Service Agent Tim McCarthy. 2011.

Forty-first President George Bush, (1989-1993) - Vice President(s) Dan Quayle, (1989-1993)

Biographies:

DB 80060 41: A Portrait of My Father by George W. Bush (7 hours, 44 minutes)

The author, the forty-third president of the United States, profiles his father, George H.W. Bush, the forty-first president of the United States. Details the elder Bush's early life in Massachusetts, service during World War II, and career in the oil industry, the CIA, and politics. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2014.

DB 82900 Destiny and Power: The American Odyssey of George Herbert Walker Bush by Jon Meacham (25 hours, 12 minutes)

Drawing on extensive interviews and access to family diaries and papers, Meacham charts Bush's rise from county party chairmanship to congressman, UN ambassador, head of the Republican National Committee, envoy to China, director of the CIA, vice president under Ronald Reagan, and, finally, president of the United States. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

Related Books:

DB 38873 Barbara Bush: A Memoir by Barbara Bush (26 hours, 2 minutes)

Drawing upon her diaries, tapes, letters, and from a "very selective memory of the early days," Barbara Bush shares the experiences of what she calls a life of "privilege of every kind." She writes of the first years of the Bushes' marriage; the births of their children and the death of one; the campaign trail; the world leaders she met; the White House years; and of life after the presidency. Bestseller.

DB 82519 The Quiet Man: The Indispensable Presidency of George H.W. Bush by John H. Sununu (13 hours, 1 minute)

Former presidential chief of staff John H. Sununu provides an insider's account of George H. W. Bush's term as President of the United States. Discusses Bush's policy achievements, the first Gulf War, the collapse of the Soviet Union, and domestic legislation, including the passing of the Americans with Disabilities Act. 2015

### Forty-second President Bill Clinton, (1993-2001) – Vice President(s) Al Gore, (1993-2001)

Biographies:

DB 58100 My Life by Bill Clinton (50 hours, 21 minutes)

Detailed autobiography of William Jefferson Clinton, forty-second American president. Commercial audiobook. 2004.

DB 65210 For Love of Politics: Bill and Hillary Clinton in the White House by Sally Bedell Smith (21 hours, 34 minutes)

The author of Grace and Power: The Private World of the Kennedy White House (RC 58448) examines the intertwined personal and professional lives of former U.S. president Bill Clinton and his wife. Uses private papers, public records, and interviews with government officials to explain the couple's relationship. Some strong language. 2007.

DB 70440 The Clinton Tapes: Wrestling History with the President by Taylor Branch (25 hours, 41 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning historian's reflections about his recorded conversations with former U.S. president Bill Clinton provide insight into Clinton's personal and political life. Topics covered include health-care reform, domestic and international affairs, impeachment, the death of Clinton's mother, and Al Gore's defeat in the 2000 election. 2009.

Related Books:

DB 49560 Hillary's Choice by Gail Sheehy (16 hours, 6 minutes)

A psychological biography of the first lady by the author of Passages: Predictable Crises of Adult Life (RC 43929). Sheehy attempts to analyze Hillary Clinton's reasons for staying married to her profligate husband through the 1990s. Explores her childhood, early adulthood, her career, and her marriage. Some strong language. Bestseller. 1999.

DB 55882 Living History by Hillary Rodham Clinton (23 hours, 19 minutes)

Former first lady's memoir of eight years in the White House that, she says, "tested my faith and political beliefs, my marriage and our nation's Constitution." Discusses how she and President Bill Clinton faced political opposition, legal challenges, personal tragedies, and the scandal of the Monica Lewinsky case. Bestseller. 2003.

DB 79036 Hard Choices by Hillary Rodham Clinton (30 hours, 27 minutes)

Hillary Rodham Clinton's account of the crises, choices, and challenges she faced during her four years as America's 67th secretary of state and how those experiences inform her vision of the future. Bestseller. 2014.

#### Forty-third President George W. Bush, (2001-2009) – Vice President(s) Dick Cheney, (2001-2009)

Biographies:

DB 51903 A Charge to Keep by George W. Bush (8 hours, 42 minutes)

Autobiography of George W. Bush written during his campaign for president. Recalls his childhood in Texas, education, military service, business career, and political life. Describes his philosophy of "compassionate conservatism" and his hopes for the future. Bestseller. 1999.

DB 72023 Decision Points by George W. Bush (21 hours, 22 minutes)

George W. Bush, the forty-third president of the United States, describes pivotal decisions in his personal and political lives. Discusses his governance of Texas, the contested 2000 presidential election, and crises including the 9/11 terrorist attacks, wars in the Middle East, and Hurricane Katrina. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 77834 Days of Fire: Bush and Cheney in the White House by Peter Baker (31 hours, 31 minutes)

New York Times correspondent analyzes the inner workings of the Bush-Cheney White House (2001-2009), which dealt with the 9/11 terrorist attacks, Hurricane Katrina, and other crises. Refutes the notion that Cheney was the dominant figure and discusses the governing style of the forty-third president. Some strong language. 2013.

DB 86229 Bush by Jean Edward Smith (35 hours, 6 minutes)

Presidential biographer and author of Eisenhower in war and peace (DB 74849) attempts to portray the forty-third president in a critical yet fair manner. Discusses Bush's decision to invade Iraq and the consequences of that choice, the financial crisis of 2008, Hurricane Katrina, the No Child Left Behind Act, and other aspects of Bush's legacy. 2016.

#### Related Books:

DB 66655 What Happened: Inside the Bush White House and Washington's Culture of Deception by Scott McClellan (14 hours, 26 minutes)

Former White House press secretary (from 2003-2006) discusses the inner workings of the George W. Bush White House. Offers his view on key players Dick Cheney, Karl Rove, and Condoleezza Rice. Also covers major events such as the 9/11 terrorist attack, the war in Iraq, and Hurricane Katrina. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 67659 Angler: The Cheney Vice Presidency by Barton Gellman (15 hours, 54 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning Washington Post reporter Barton Gellman details the inner workings of Vice President Dick Cheney's office through interviews with Cheney's colleagues and critics. Discusses the war in Iraq, the interrogation of prisoners, domestic espionage, and Cheney's beliefs supporting a strong commander in chief. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 71205 Spoken from the Heart by Laura Bush (21 hours, 14 minutes)

Former first lady's memoirs describe growing up in Texas and discuss major life events, including a tragic accident in high school, her marriage to George, and the birth of their twin daughters. Highlights crises during her husband's administration, focusing on the September 2001 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 73796 In My Time: A Personal and Political Memoir by Dick Cheney and Liz Cheney (24 hours, 14 minutes)

Cheney (born 1941), who was George W. Bush's vice president, reminisces about his forty-year career in public service and his family life. Also discusses the events of September 11, 2001, and the subsequent War on Terror. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 90161 The Last Republicans: Inside the Extraordinary Relationship between George H.W. Bush and George W. Bush by Mark K. Updegrove (13 hours, 14 minutes)

Presidential historian examines and compares the lives and careers of both Bush presidents, from their formative years through their post-presidential activity. Discusses the ways they have influenced each other, their views on topics such as family and public service, and their perspectives on the transformation of the Republican Party. 2017.

#### Forty-fourth President Barack Obama, (2009-2017) - Vice President(s) Joe Biden, (2009-2017)

Biographies:

DB 69086 Renegade: The Making of a President by Richard Wolffe (15 hours, 35 minutes)

Newsweek reporter Wolffe analyzes the 2008 presidential campaign of Barack Obama. Drawing on dozens of interviews with the candidate and president, Wolffe discusses Obama's career in Illinois politics, decision to run for higher office, and grass-roots tactics. Details regional power structures and Obama's rivalry with Hillary Clinton's camp. Bestseller. 2009.

DB 69408 Barack and Michelle: Portrait of an American Marriage by Christopher Andersen (11 hours)

The author of Bill and Hillary: The Marriage (RC 48856) chronicles the courtship and marriage of American president Barack Obama and his wife Michelle. Analyzes both the struggles and achievements of the biracial politician and his Chicago-born and -bred partner. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

DB 70901 The Bridge: The Life and Rise of Barack Obama by David Remnick (27 hours, 10 minutes)

Pulitzer Prize-winning author examines President Barack Obama's life through the prism of America's racial history. Analyzes his upbringing, education, work as a community organizer, and rise in Illinois politics. Considers Obama's civil rights heroes, mentors, and campaign strategies. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 71411 The Promise: President Obama, Year One by Jonathan Alter (22 hours, 7 minutes)

Journalist chronicles President Barack Obama's first year in the Oval Office. Recounts the president's challenges and triumphs, from the economic crisis and surging rates of joblessness to his push for major health care reform over objections from his own staff. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 73035 Young Mr. Obama: Chicago and the Makings of a Black President by Edward McClelland (9 hours, 4 minutes)

Portrait of forty-fourth U.S. President Barack Obama during his early political years. Describes Obama's arrival in Chicago at age twenty-three to serve as an organizer in the South Side. Discusses his work as private-practice attorney and law professor in the 1990s and his 2002 campaign for the U.S. Senate. 2010.

DB 73058 Revival: The Struggle for Survival Inside the Obama White House by Richard Wolffe (10 hours, 6 minutes)

In this sequel to the bestseller Renegade: The Making of a President (DB 69086), Wolffe gives a behind-the-scenes account of West Wing politics and policy making, one year after Barack Obama's inauguration. Discusses the challenges of health-care reform, the struggling economy, and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. 2010.

DB 74165 The Obamas by Jodi Kantor (11 hours, 39 minutes)

New York Times correspondent conducted hundreds of interviews to create a portrait of Barack and Michelle Obama and their life in the White House. Kantor examines the first lady's influence on and advocacy for her husband and explores the political consequences of their personal dynamics. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 77347 The Center Holds: Obama and His Enemies by Jonathan Alter (19 hours, 50 minutes)

Journalist and author of The Promise: President Obama, Year One (DB 71411) assesses the president's 2012 reelection campaign, which followed big losses for congressional Democrats in the 2010 midterm elections. Discusses Republican opponent Mitt Romney's team, the use of social media, and the grassroots effort that led to Obama's victory. 2013.

DB 89169 Rising Star: The Making of Barack Obama by David J. Garrow (58 hours, 44 minutes)

A biography covering the earlier years of Barack Obama's life and the trajectory that eventually led to his role as president of the United States. Discusses Obama's tumultuous upbringing, his college years, his early career, and his entry into the political field. Also chronicles his years in the Senate. 2017.

#### Related Books:

DB 43877 Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance by Barack Obama (15 hours, 28 minutes)

Obama, his father a Kenyan student and his mother a white Kansan, struggles with issues of identity and ethnicity. A Harvard Law School graduate, community organizer, and civil rights lawyer, Obama recounts a life-changing pilgrimage to Kenya to meet relatives from his father's other marriages. Some strong language.

DB 63126 The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream by Barack Obama (6 hours, 14 minutes)

Democratic senator from Illinois and author of Dreams from My Father (RC 43877) details his ideas to improve the country. Discusses American values, the U.S. Constitution, religion, globalization, race, and other subjects of interest to voters. Commercial audiobook. Abridged. 2006.

DB 67337 Promises to Keep: On Life and Politics by Joe Biden (17 hours, 34 minutes)

Autobiography of the U.S. senator from Delaware who was first elected to Congress in 1972 at age twenty-nine. Recalls his Irish Catholic upbringing in Scranton, Pennsylvania, and Wilmington and the tragic deaths of his first wife and daughter. Highlights political and social issues that arose during his tenure. 2007.

DB 67711 Michele: A Biography by Liza Mundy (7 hours, 27 minutes)

Washington Post staff writer describes Michelle Obama's life from childhood through her political journey of becoming America's first African American first lady. Discusses her being the child of a Chicago city worker; her Ivy League education and successful career; marriage to Barack, who calls her "the boss"; and motherhood. 2008.

DB 68229 Change We Can Believe In: Barack Obama's Plan to Renew America's Promise by Barack Obama

Details the changes Democratic nominee Obama proposed to implement if he were elected president of the United States. Topics include reviving the economy, restoring America's place in the world, and embracing the country's values. Includes a foreword by Barack Obama and seven speeches from his presidential campaign. Bestseller. 2008.

DB 69409 The Battle for America 2008: The Story of an Extraordinary Election by Dan Balz and Haynes Johnson (17 hours, 8 minutes)

Examines the U.S. presidential primaries and 2008 election, which pitted Democrats Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton against Republican opponents including final candidate John McCain. Discusses ways the Clinton campaign's strategic mistakes and McCain's vice presidential nominee Sarah Palin influenced the outcome of the race. Strong language. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

DB 70503 Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin (15 hours, 49 minutes)

Political journalists Heilemann and Halperin chronicle the hectic lives of the 2008 presidential candidates. Through interviews and personal accounts from members of both political parties, the reporters uncover behind-the-scenes campaign conversations, negotiations, and highly

charged emotions from the years leading up to the election. Some strong language. Bestseller. 2010.

DB 73116 A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of Barack Obama's Mother by Janny Scott (11 hours, 42 minutes)

New York Times reporter chronicles the life of Stanley Ann Dunham (1942-1995), mother of U.S. president Barack Obama. Discusses her American ancestry, two interracial marriages in the 1960s and 70s, role as a single working mother of two biracial children, and field work in Indonesia as an anthropologist. Bestseller. 2011.

DB 74055 The Other Barack: The Bold and Reckless Life of President Obama's Father by Sally H. Jacobs (11 hours, 36 minutes)

Boston Globe reporter investigates the life of Kenyan economist Barack Obama (1936-1982), father of the forty-fourth U.S. president. Highlights the senior Obama's tribal family and childhood, education at the University of Hawaii and Harvard, role in post-colonial Kenya, multiple marriages, and personality. 2011.

DB 75139 Barack Obama: The Story by David Maraniss (30 hours, 55 minutes)

Washington Post Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist traces the history of Barack Obama's maternal and paternal families, the Dunhams from Kansas and the Obamas from Kenya. Discusses the social, economic, and cultural forces that influenced Obama up to age twenty-seven, when he entered Harvard Law School. Bestseller. 2012.

DB 76065 American Tapestry: The Story of the Black, White, and Multiracial Ancestors of Michelle Obama by Rachel L. Swarns (11 hours, 48 minutes)

New York Times reporter presents research on First Lady Michelle Obama's roots, beginning in 1850s Georgia with enslaved teenager Melvinia--Obama's great-great-great-grandmother--and her owner, Henry Wells Shields. Traces the family tree through five generations to the White House. 2012.

DB 77383 Collision 2012: Obama vs. Romney and the Future of Elections in America by Dan Balz (18 hours, 55 minutes)

Washington Post correspondent follows up The Battle for America, 2008 (DB 69409) with an account of the 2012 presidential race between incumbent Democrat Barack Obama and Republican Mitt Romney. Details Romney's path to the nomination, the polarized electorate, and the roles played by super PACs and social media. 2013.

DB 88718 We Are the Change We Seek: The Speeches of Barack Obama edited by E.J. Dionne, Jr. and Joy-Ann Reid (10 hours, 45 minutes)

A curated collection of twenty-seven of President Barack Obama's addresses, including his 2002 speech opposing the Iraq War and his final speech before the United Nations in 2016. The topics include--among other things--war, inequality, race relations, gun violence, and human rights. 2017.

#### Forty-fifth President Donald Trump, (2017-present) – Vice President(s) Mike Pence, (2017-present)

#### Biographies:

DB 26956 Trump: The Art of the Deal by Donald Trump (10 hours, 37 minutes)

The brash, blunt, wunderkind of New York City real estate tells of his career and business style. Beginning with a day-to-day description of an "average" week, he then offers tidbits of business wisdom, facts about his family life, and assessments of some of his flashier deals, including the building of Trump Tower in Manhattan, the acquisition of his Atlantic City casinos, and his ownership of the New Jersey Generals football team. Bestseller.

DB 83461 Never Enough: Donald Trump and the Pursuit of Success by Michael D'Antonio (14 hours, 37 minutes

Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Michael D'Antonio profiles businessman and presidential candidate for the 2016 elections Donald Trump. D'Antonio examines Trump's methods in his pursuit of success, which he suggests are based on a feeling of superiority. He examines Trump's professional and personal lives, drawing on interviews with Trump and his family. 2015.

DB 86834 The Making of Donald Trump by David Cay Johnston (6 hours, 51 minutes)

In-depth report of the mogul's rise to power, beginning with his childhood in Queens, New York. Examines such topics as the origins of his family's fortune, his own business empire, his education and early career, and his successful presidential bid. Draws on interviews, financial records, court documents, and public statements. Bestseller. 2016.

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An examination of the 2016 American presidential race. Conservative commentator Wead discusses his views on the media's role in the race, their investment in Clinton's race, the success of Trump's campaign, and how Trump managed to rise to power despite the odds. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

DB 88233 The Making of the President 2016: How Donald Trump Orchestrated a Revolution by Roger Stone

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